

The DONKEY'S COLT

in Matthew 21:1-11 **was** / is ...

“All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: “Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.’ [Zech. 9:9] So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them.” (Matthew 21:4-7)

The two donkeys (a mother and child) were so inseparable that they could be considered as one. Yet, the two “dumb animals” trusted the Lord Jesus and became a two-fold silent witness to him as the true Messiah.

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a key aspect
of the triumphal entry
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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a lowly
beast of burden
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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also in
Mk 11:1-10, Lk 19:29-40, Jn 12:12-19
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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as predicted
in Zechariah 9:9
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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claimed
for the Lord's use (21:3)
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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closely linked to
Jesus himself (21:5)
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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conscious of
Jesus' meekness (21:5)
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

Descriptive



Meditation

with its mother, as was normal

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important
in multiple ways
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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limited but
not brainless or stupid
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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not afraid
of the meek Messiah
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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not just
a means of transportation
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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perhaps the most
important special animal
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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probably
owned by believers (21:3)
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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somewhat like
(Fill in the blank.)

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special but
also very ordinary
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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very different from
a war horse (Job 39:19-25)
(Agree? yes, no, partly)

Directions: after reading through **Matthew 21:1-11** and **some articles on donkeys**, consider and discuss how the young donkey that Jesus rode into Jerusalem is described above. **Do you agree with the various points?** How would you fill in the bonus (pink) card? Was the young donkey and its mother somewhat like Balaam's donkey, the fish in Matthew 17:27, the two blind men in 20:30, or something or someone else? — **At the end of the study, discuss the most important descriptive phrases and make applications, thinking about how the two “dumb” donkeys were actually wiser than the chief priests (21:14-16).** — © 2022 by Jon F. Mahar, Hakusan City, Japan and Alexander, Maine, U.S.A.